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Applicant: D'Alessandro

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Dear Sir:

Further and favorable consideration of the above application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments, and in view of the following remarks.

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Newly-Added Claims

Support for newly-added claims 37-40 may be found in at least paragraphs [0047], [0048], and [0051], and claims 11 and 12, of the application as filed. Claims 37-40 depend directly or indirectly upon claim 9, which is patentable over the applied references for multiple reasons, as is discussed above. In addition, at least some of claims 37-40 are believed to be patentable over Gumley '119 and Rapp for the further reasons that neither of those references teaches or suggests additional features in the claims.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, withdrawal of the rejections of the claims is respectfully requested, in which event this application would be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Authorization is given to charge \$50.00 to Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (Charge No. ERICP0343US) for the presentation of an additional claim. In the event any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (Charge No. ERICP0343US).

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